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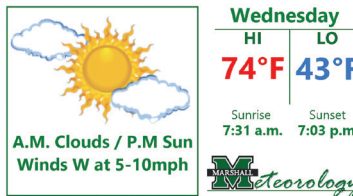
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GROWING UP GAY IN APPALACHIA

Ilene Over performs for National Coming Out Day

"I'm here to tell you growing up gay in Appalachia is one thing, growing up gay and a big queen in Appalachia is something totally different. You catch enough shit for being gay."

MEGAN OSBORNE | THE PARTHENON

Ilene Over performs in Smith Hall as part of National Coming Out Day Tuesday.

By BRIANNA PAXTON

THE PARTHENON

"I'm here to tell you growing up gay in Appalachia is one thing; growing up gay and a big queen in Appalachia is something totally different," performer Ilene Over said. "You catch enough shit for being gay."

Ilene Over performed a show to the community Tuesday through vignettes about her experience growing up as a gay person in Appalachia to celebrate National Coming Out Day.

She opened her show with a quote from Harvey Milk, an openly gay, elected U.S. politician from the 1970's.

"Every person must come out, as difficult as it is you must tell your immediate family, you must tell your relatives, you must tell your friends, if indeed they are your friends," Milk said. "You must tell the people you

work with, you must tell the people in the stores you shop in. Once they realize that we are indeed their children, that we are indeed everywhere, every myth, and every lie, ever innuendo will be destroyed once and for all. Once you do you will feel much better."

Marshall University's PFLAG Chapter is a support group for parents, family, and friends of LGBT people, and LGBT people themselves either planning to come out or have already come out.

"People that can explain to others that whoever it is you or someone else find out is gay, they haven't changed. It's the same person that you loved before," said Pamela Mulder, psychology professor at Marshall. "The whole

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MORNING CUP OF WILLIAMS

Students meet with Mayor Steve Williams over coffee to voice their opinions and ideas concerning Huntington.



LEXI BROWNING | THE PARTHENON

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams and Mazen Younis, senior, partake in the monthly series Coffee with the Mayor in the Memorial Student Center Tuesday.

By EMILY RICE

THE PARTHENON

Students and faculty were given the opportunity to express their concerns to the local government Tuesday at the Student Government Association sponsored event, Coffee with the Mayor.

Huntington Mayor Steve Williams said the purpose of the event is to let students know the mayor's office is always open to them.

"The idea is to let all stakeholders at Marshall know that I am their mayor and that I am always approachable," Williams said in a press release. "City Hall isn't just a building at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Eighth Street. I want there to be a consistent presence of city government on campus."

Coffee with the Mayor is a monthly event that originated when Williams first came into office in 2013.

"The student body president then, Ray Herald, and I sat down to have a talk," Williams said. "We wanted to do something to connect the student body to the government."

Williams said the city of Huntington's drug issues

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- MAYOR STEVE WILLIAMS

were a main topic of conversation at Tuesday's event.

"I am having more conversations about the drug issues," Williams said. "That might be because I have been so active in that area lately. The students just seem to want to know what we are doing to help. We have hired 10 additional police officers and as a result of that there have been over 100 arrests and tens

of thousands of dollars that we have confiscated."

Williams said this event also allows him to stay connected to his citizens.

"I hear a lot of the same issues from regular residents in Huntington and from the students," Williams said. "This helps me keep a pulse on the students, because I am their mayor, too."

Bryan Chambers, communications director for the city of Huntington, said events such as these allow a partnership to form between the government and citizens.

"It allows us to hear concerns of one of our key constituencies," Chambers said. "We want to know what is important to them and what concerns them."

Students at the event appreciated the effort on the part of the city to get involved on a personal level.

"I definitely think it is important because decisions made by the mayor's office directly affect students whether or not they live on campus," said Caitlin Grimes, chief of staff of the executive branch of SGA. "This transparency helps continue a working

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MARSHALL CAREER SERVICES

WMUL-FM bashes car, builds team spirit

By **KELLY PATE**
THE PARTHENON

Marshall University’s radio station, WMUL-FM, will host its annual car bash event 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Thursday on Buskirk Field.

This event allows anyone to beat up on a Chevy S-10 painted in the colors of this year’s homecoming game opponent, Middle Tennessee. For a fee of \$1, participants are allowed to beat the truck as much as they can for two minutes.

Braxton Crisp, online director at WMUL, said the purpose of the event is to simulate beating on the opponent.

“There will be mean things

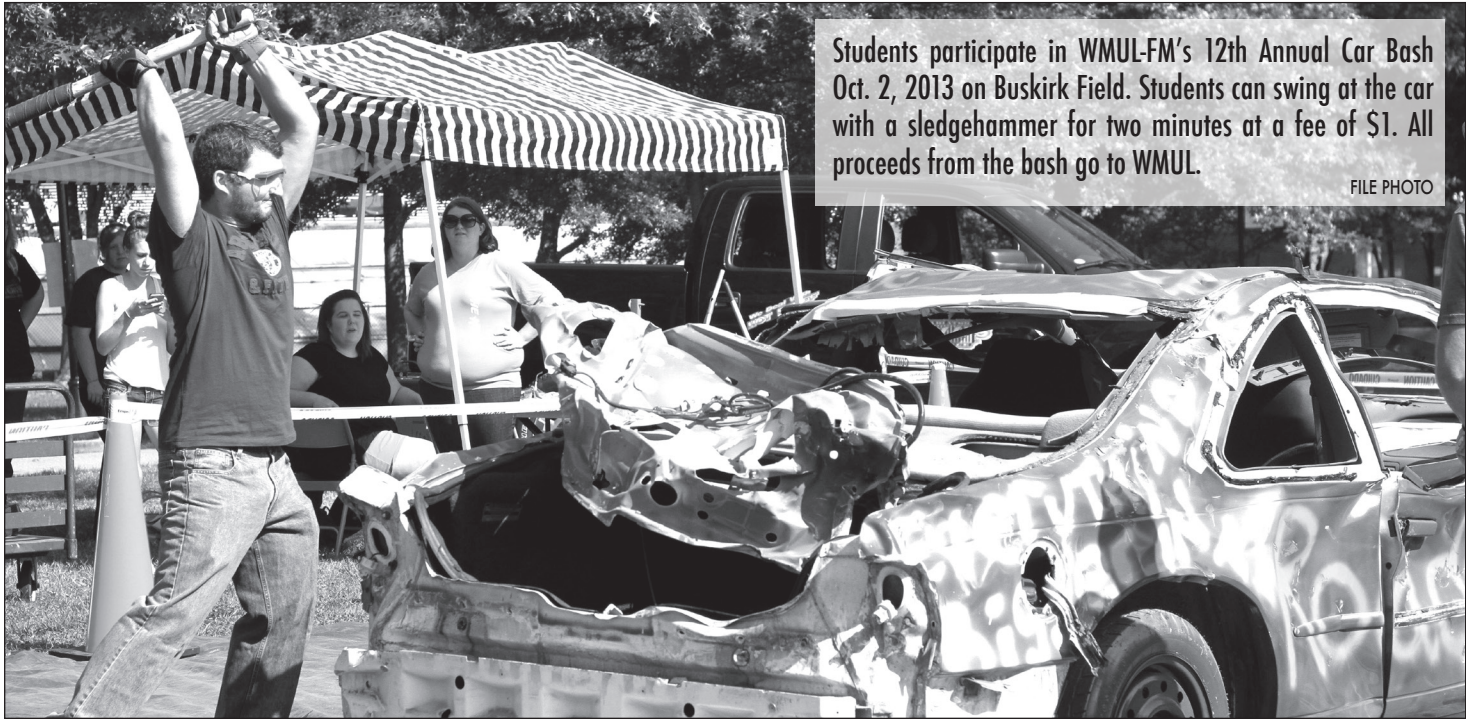
written on the truck, but not obscene things,” Crisp said. “You can basically smash the truck like we will smash Middle Tennessee.”

The station will provide sledgehammers to anyone who would like to smash the truck. There will be large and small hammers, so a variety of people can participate.

In the past, the station has used a van and Thunderbird for the bash, but will have a truck for the first time this year.

The event is open to everyone. All the proceeds from the bash go to WMUL.

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Students participate in WMUL-FM’s 12th Annual Car Bash Oct. 2, 2013 on Buskirk Field. Students can swing at the car with a sledgehammer for two minutes at a fee of \$1. All proceeds from the bash go to WMUL.

FILE PHOTO

BAD Building Summit kicks off to inspire other communities to renovate buildings

By **EMILY RICE**
THE PARTHENON

This week, Huntington is hosting the BAD (blighted, abandoned and dilapidated) Buildings Summit, an event that aims to inspire other communities to renovate their dilapidated and abandoned buildings and give them the tools and skills to accomplish those goals.

The summit kicked off Tuesday evening at Marshall University’s Visual Arts Center with a bus tour around the city to showcase some of the areas that Huntington has renovated into productive properties.

“There is no better place to have this summit than the VAC,” Bryan Chambers, communications director for the city of Huntington, said. “It sat empty for roughly twenty years.”

The first stop on the tour was a Habitat for Humanity

house that is being built exclusively for veterans.

“This is the first house being built as part of the veterans housing initiative,” David Michael of Habitat for Humanity said. “This is a great opportunity to reach out to veterans who were previously homeless.”

Another stop on the tour was Northcott Court on Hal Greer Boulevard, which is currently in the process of being cleared.

“We will not rebuild public housing on this property,” said Larry Ellis, department director of the Huntington Housing Authority. “The community has expressed that is not what they want. It is about the community, not just one or two blocks.”

At one of the stops on the tour, the participants in the summit learned about the SCRATCH project garden. The Maudella Taylor garden, built

where a dilapidated building once stood, is a community garden that helps teach children how to grow crops and sell them in the current market.

“The biggest thing about this project is the kids seeing what it was, and seeing what it can be, which is a beautiful and productive garden,” said Melissa Stewart, of West Virginia State College and the SCRATCH project.

Participants in the summit are hopeful about the help that these strategies can bring to their cities.

“Everyone who is involved in the abandoned housing project took the opportunity to bring a team to come up with strategies,” said Kathy Wyrosdic, director of planning and development from Fairmont, West Virginia. “We needed to hash out strategies to accomplish these goals.”

The organizers of the

summit hope to provide such strategies.

“We hope that we can equip other cities, towns, and counties to be able to use some of the ideas that they will get at the summit to tackle abandoned housing,” said Christal Perry, the city of Huntington’s land bank coordinator.

Perry also said she hopes the skills that participants learn at the summit will help them to renovate their cities, even if they decide that a land bank is not for them.

“Huntington is the only city in the state of West Virginia that has a land bank,” Perry said. “The land bank’s purpose is to make use of and bring back productivity to these properties. It is just another tool in the city’s toolbox that I think will give them hope that they can do this, too.”

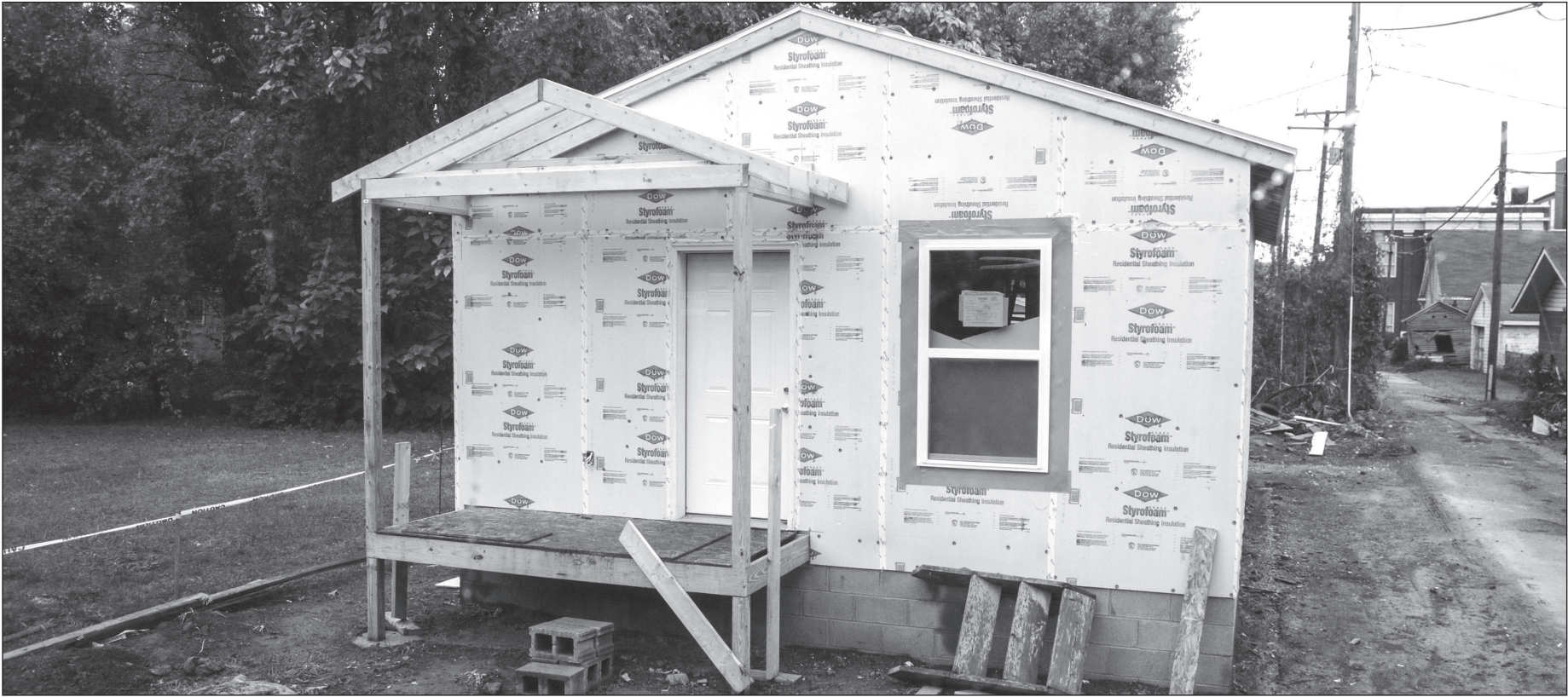
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ABOVE: Huntington Mayor Steve Williams speaks at the Visual Arts Center as part of the opening of the BAD Building Summit.

LEFT: The first house built as part of the veterans housing initiative for the Habitat for Humanity.

PHOTOS BY EMILY RICE | THE PARTHENON



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>DAVID MICHAEL,
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Stewart speaks at second lecture in Amicus Curiae Lecture Series

By **AUNDREA HORSLEY**
THE PARTHENON

Author David O. Stewart visited Marshall University to speak at the second lecture of the Amicus Curiae series Tuesday evening.

Stewart is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School. He is a former clerk to Supreme Court Associate Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. and was an attorney in Washington before becoming an author.

Stewart’s lecture was based on his book, “American Emperor: Aaron Burr’s

Challenge to Jefferson’s America.” He discussed Aaron Burr’s vice presidency and Burr’s treason trial before Chief Justice John Marshall.

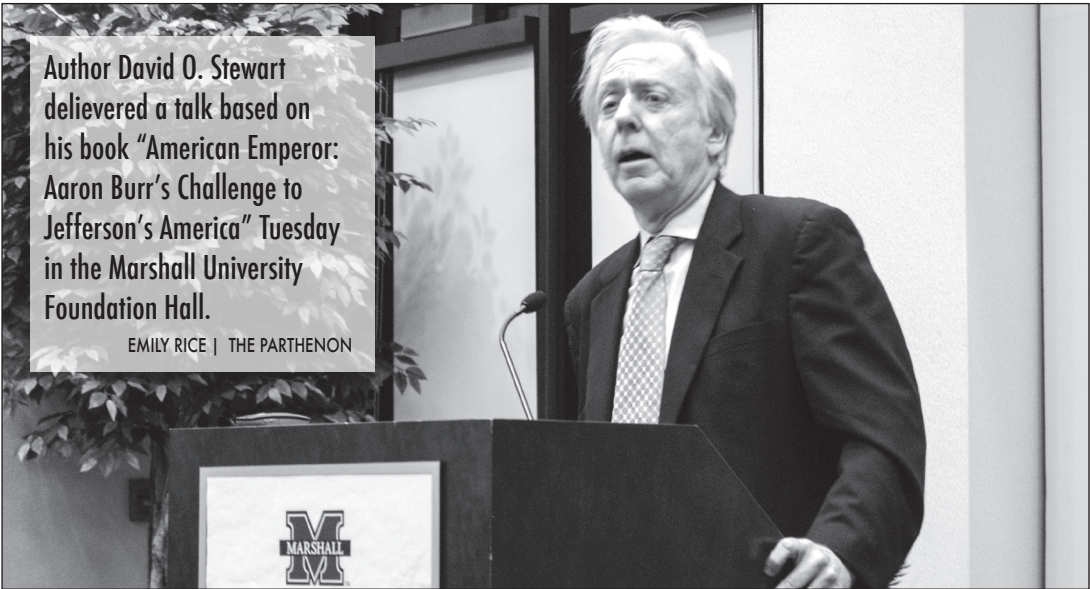
“There is a feature of it about daring greatly,” Stewart said. “There is a feature of it about being audacious and willing to take chances. There is an element to it about the independence of our courts and that rights should be preserved even if you have done terrible things.”

Stewart said the Amicus

Curiae lecture series was important because it brought the university and the community together.

“This program is great for two things,” Stewart said. “One is that it gives the students a chance to hear different people. Your faculty is obviously very accomplished, but there is a big world out there. This lets them hear from lots of people. It also brings in people from the community. These events form a connection between the university and the people of the

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Author David O. Stewart delivered a talk based on his book “American Emperor: Aaron Burr’s Challenge to Jefferson’s America” Tuesday in the Marshall University Foundation Hall.

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Marshall University football prepares to take the field against Ohio University Sept. 13.
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COLUMN: HERD SECONDARY PROVING TO BE CRITICAL IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE

By SHANNON STOWERS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Thundering Herd secondary has benefited the Marshall University football team in more ways than just defending the pass on Saturdays.

Herd defensive backs play a type of coverage, man-to-man press, that can give wide receivers fits. In practice though, it's helping Marshall wide outs.

Lining up right across the line of scrimmage, as opposed to 5 to 10 yards away, the defensive back is able to jam the wide receiver at the line and disrupt the timing between the receiver and the quarterback. Using this style of play, the Herd is holding opponents to just 200.2 passing yards per game this season, 38th in the Football Bowl Subdivision. The Herd isn't just shutting down quarterbacks who can't or won't throw the football, but also quarterbacks who have proven they can throw the football well.

Of the five teams Marshall has played so far, three have quarterbacks who have gone over 1,000 yards passing at this point in the season. Those three quarterbacks are averaging a combined 267.8 yards per game. Against Marshall? 554 total yards,

an average of 184.7 yards per quarterback. Football is a team game, though, and while the rest of the defense deserves some credit for its part in forcing those numbers, some of it also has to do with that man-to-man press coverage.

Head football coach Doc Holliday explained how that type of coverage is problematic for teams who don't normally face it, as well as how it helps the Herd offense who sees it every day in practice.

"When you play that defensively, it helps you, as far as your receivers go, because you've got a chance to go up against it," Holliday said. "It's hard to simulate that with scout team players that have never done it, so it helps us both offensively and defensively."

Seeing that coverage in practice has allowed Herd receivers to get a lot of work separating from the defensive back at the line of scrimmage. Also, when the Herd plays a team that doesn't employ press man coverage, Herd wide receivers have it easier than they do in practice.

"Our guys see that every day, that's the hardest thing they can go up against," Holliday said. "Then, when you get into a game, if

you do get a cushion and you do get a normal Cover 3 or normal Cover 2, that stuff's pretty easy to react to."

Against Middle Tennessee State University, Herd wide outs won't get the benefit of seeing something other than man-to-man press coverage. The Blue Raiders like to play the same way Marshall does, but Holliday said his team will be prepared.

"Middle (Tennessee) is going to play a lot of man press," Holliday said. "They're very similar to what we are, so our guys will not be surprised or unprepared to go against it because they go against it every day in practice."

It will be hard not to see the Herd secondary's influence all over the field Saturday. Whether it's trying to stop Blue Raiders quarterback Austin Grammer, who's averaging 258.5 passing yards per game, or the Herd receivers playing against a coverage they practice against regularly.

The Herd takes on the Blue Raiders noon Saturday at Joan C. Edwards Stadium. The game will also be broadcasted on the FOX Sports Network.

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Running back Remi Watson warms up before the game against Miami Ohio Aug. 30.

Herd football announces series with Pitt

By SHANNON STOWERS
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Marshall University football announced Tuesday that the Thundering Herd has scheduled a series with the University of Pittsburgh Panthers.

The Herd will travel to Pittsburgh Oct. 1, 2016 to play at Heinz Field, the home of the Panthers, as well as the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Panthers will return the favor in 2020 when they comes to Huntington Sept. 26.

Head football coach Doc Holliday spoke about the series announcement at his press conference Tuesday. Holliday, in a reference to the Herd's former series with West Virginia University, praised athletic director Mike Hamrick for scheduling a true one-for-one series with the Panthers.

"You've got to give Mike Hamrick a lot of credit, we're not going up to Pitt six times and coming down here once, it's home-and-home," Holliday said. "It's great for our fan base."

Holliday said the type of teams the Herd has scheduled in upcoming seasons aren't only good for the team, but for fans as well. With regional out-of-conference opponents, it's easy for fans to travel to the away games.

"I think Mike has done a great job of not only scheduling good football teams with great traditions, but he's scheduled them as fan-friendly for our fan base," Holliday said. "Our fans can get in the car and they can be there and enjoy the atmosphere and enjoy seeing a good football team play."

Holliday attributed the

ability to schedule schools like Purdue, Louisville and Pittsburgh to the respect that has been earned from everyone involved with the program.

"It's a credit to Mike, Dr. Kopp, our fan base and our football team, that people have that respect for our football program the way they do right now," Holliday said.

Pittsburgh makes the third Atlantic Coast Conference team to agree to play the Herd. Louisville is scheduled to play in Huntington in 2016, making up the game that was originally scheduled to be played this season. Marshall also has a series with North Carolina State that will be played in Raleigh in 2017.

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Herd football greets the student section after the Battle for the Bell against Ohio University Sept. 13.

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Column

The strange phenomenon that is age

By TAYLOR STUCK
MANAGING EDITOR

Let's think for a second about the strange concept of age.

"But, Taylor, it's not really that hard to figure out," you might be thinking. "It's just how many years you've been on this Earth."

That's a valid point. It's true that age is a record of how long you have been alive, but there is another side to how old you are.

A friend and I were talking the other day while watching the Pittsburgh Steelers play the Jacksonville Jaguars. Pittsburgh running back Le'Veon Bell is having a fantastic season. Five weeks into the season and he has already rushed for 460 yards. Last season he rushed for just 860 total, to give you some reference.

I can only imagine how much money he is making (I couldn't find it when I Googled it.)

Oh, by the way, he's only 22. My friend pointed out how weird it is that people our age are playing professional football. Meanwhile, we are sitting on the couch in our pajamas at one in the afternoon complaining about our classes.

Professional athletes and celebrities who begin their careers at such young ages are not on the same playing field as me. I'm 22, and I think I have a pretty good handle on my life, but I in no way have had the life experience those people have had.

I'm always curious to know

how those people are in real life. Do they like to go out with friends, binge on Netflix and take BuzzFeed quizzes? We know Bell smokes weed, but that's not exclusive to our age group. In my head they are larger than regular life because of what they've done so far.

That even applies closer to home. I can't wrap my mind around the fact I am the same age as Rakeem Cato. He walks the same streets that I do, but I still can't imagine him being a regular person.

Age works the opposite way, too.

I remember being a freshman and being intimidated by active students in the journalism school. I thought all of them were older than me. Turns out some of them weren't, and I felt really silly when I befriended those people.

Similarly, there are some people I'm friends with that are much older than me, but I always forget. It's not that those people are immature or I'm more mature than the average 22 year old, either. It's just our life experiences are similar.

It's a lesson we need to remember. Just because someone is older, we can't let ourselves be intimidated by it or immediately believe someone knows more than us.

Age really is just a number. Life experience is a little bit harder to calculate.

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Editorial

Suicide: A choice not a disease

"Today [suicide] has become a signifier of depression or an unhappy life, but in reality, to commit suicide simply means to take one's own life."



YOUTUBE SCREENSHOT VIA THE BRITTANY MAYNARD FUND

Brittany Maynard, 29, plans to take her own life through death with dignity after being diagnosed with terminal brain cancer.

Recently a viral hit throughout social media platforms, 29-year-old Brittany Maynard was diagnosed with terminal brain cancer early this year. Since a partial craniotomy, a partial resection of her temporal lobe and a prognosis of six months to live, Maynard came to the realization that no treatment could save her life.

She was going to die.

Rather than choose a slow, painful death in hospice care while her family watched the cancer consume her brain, Maynard did extensive research about death with dignity, an end-of-life option that allows mentally competent, terminally ill patients to receive a prescription from a physician for medication to end one's life if self-ingested.

Maynard's tragic situation brings up a more valid evaluation of the way we perceive suicide. Today it has become a signifier of depression or an unhappy life, but in reality, to commit suicide simply means to take one's own life.

"I've had the medication for weeks. I am not suicidal ... I do not want to die. But I am dying. And I want to die on my own terms," Maynard said in a CNN column.

Merriam-Webster defines "suicidal" as "wanting to kill yourself or showing a desire to kill yourself."

Maynard claims she is not suicidal, but by definition, she absolutely is suicidal. She has every intention of killing herself. She has chosen to not be depressed

about her diagnosis or the path her life has taken, but she has also chosen to take control of her own fate.

Maynard calls the pills her safety net. She has chosen to fight an unbeatable cancer in the only way she knows how, by choosing how and when her life will end rather than allowing the disease to do so for her.

She has every right to determine how and when her life will end, as does every other living person. She isn't doing so because she suffers from depression, she is unselfishly choosing to end her life because she truly believes it is the best option for her and for her family. And she is every bit entitled to that choice.

State

Editorial

Wild, Wonderful

Fall is a great time to enjoy West Virginia's parks



AP PHOTO | CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL | TOM HINDMAN | FILE

PARKERSBURG NEWS AND SENTINEL

West Virginia's state parks are beautiful year-round. But in the fall, they are incredible. Anyone who has had their breath taken away by an October vista in the Mountain State's wilder areas can attest to that. Too often, we take for granted this treasure in our backyards, forgetting to take advantage of the gift we have been given.

This month, West Virginia State Parks are celebrating their charms with "Park-tober," designed to entice West Virginians and out-of-staters alike.

"October is when the temperatures become cooler, the leaves explode in color, and West Virginia's state parks provide the types of fun outdoors opportunities that don't happen at other times of the year,"

said Sissie Summers, programming coordinator for West Virginia State Parks.

Ladies and gentlemen, do not find yourselves approaching winter without having basked in the natural wonders our state has to offer. Close to home we have facilities that range from the refinement of Blennerhassett Island to the untamed splendor of North Bend State Park.

Soon enough, we will be confined by cold and snow, and the trees will be bare against grayer skies. Take advantage of the opportunities available through our state parks to get in a bit of inoculation against cabin fever.

Get out your tents or at least hiking gear and spend an hour, or a weekend, remembering why we love the wild, wonderful state we call home.

LEFT: In this Oct. 4, 2011 file photo, the Shay No. 11 train makes its way up the tracks taking passengers on a scenic ride at Cass Scenic Railroad State Park in Cass, W.Va.

Get your voice Herd

Want the chance to give your fellow students valuable advice? Is there any topic you love to talk about, but you know your friends' eyes glaze over when you talk about it? Whether it's music, politics or Marshall University, The Parthenon is looking for regular columnists for its opinions page.

Columns should be between 300-500 words, well-written and researched. Columns will be edited for grammar, libelous statements, available space or factual errors.

This is your chance to let your voice be heard.

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Tennant, Capito trade blows in W.Va. Senate debate

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During their lone U.S. Senate debate before November's election, Republican Shelley Moore Capito lumped Democrat Natalie Tennant in with President Barack Obama. Secretary of State Tennant countered by painting Capito, a seventh-term congresswoman, as too friendly to Wall Street.

The two are vying for retiring Democratic Sen. Jay Rockefeller's open seat. It's a key race to sway a slim Democratic majority in the Senate, and one where both candidates have vowed to take moderate stances in the upper chamber.

Both candidates, however, said the other was in lock-step with their party on major issues, and those politics were hurting West Virginia. The debate was broadcast live across the state.

Though Tennant supported Obama in 2008 and 2012, the two-term secretary of state agreed with Capito at the

debate that the president's proposal to limit carbon emissions from coal-fired power plants hurts coal jobs.

Tennant continued claiming Capito benefited personally from insider information on a congressional banking committee. Capito said it's an unfounded, desperate attack.

Capito laid all of the recent coal layoffs directly at the feet of Obama and Washington, D.C. Democrats, despite the difficult market conditions the industry also faces.

"Every single mining job that's lost is attributable to the policies of President Obama, Harry Reid, who is supporting my opponent's election," said Capito, who has the coal industry's support.

Tennant touted the support of the United Mine Workers of America. Tennant said she doesn't disagree with scientists about climate change, which Obama's energy policies aim to curb.

Capito said she doesn't

"necessarily think the climate is changing," but told reporters afterward she misspoke and does think people contribute to climate change.

Tennant criticized Capito's multiple votes for House Republican budget, which lays out cuts to a variety of domestic programs. She attacked Capito on Medicare, since GOP budgets would have shifted future recipients into subsidy-based health insurance option on the open market.

"I will not balance the budget on the backs of seniors," Tennant said.

Capito said there needs to be a realistic, bipartisan effort to acknowledge and address problems with funding Medicare.

"There's going to be no Medicare if we don't lay down the arms, stop the name calling, stop the scare tactics and face the problem," Capito said.

Capito, who voted many times to repeal the Affordable Care Act, said the law has

some "very good things" in it, like covering patients with pre-existing conditions. She said she would work to find a way to cover the 150,000 or so patients who have coverage under expanded Medicaid.

Tennant, who voiced support for many of the same popular parts of the law, said she wouldn't repeal it. She has said she would change unpopular parts. She would delay penalties for individuals not carrying insurance.

With \$3.4 million left in her account, Capito has a 3-to-1 cash edge heading down the homestretch. She has been considered the favorite from early on in the race.

Three third-party candidates weren't included: Bob Henry Baber, Mountain Party; John Buckley, Libertarian Party; and Phil Hudok, Constitution Party.

In late August, Capito and Tennant last met in a West Virginia Chamber of Commerce forum.

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relationship between the student body and the government."

Nick Uliana, freshman history major, said he thought this was a great way for students to get involved in the inner workings of the government.

"We are the next generation that are going to be running things," Uliana said. "If you go and become proactive about it now, you'll see results. I think this is good example of the city of Huntington realizing how important that relationship is."

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community."

In February 2015, Stewart's new book, "Madison's Gift: Five Partnerships that Built America" will be released.

The next event of the

Amicus Curiae lecture series will feature a presentation by Samuel Issacharoff on the future of voting rights 7 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Marshall Foundation Hall.

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thing is to have people around that can explain that to others. A lot of people don't understand that it doesn't make the kind of difference they think it's going to, and the people that you love, they love you just the same. That's what PFLAG is really about."

Over's stories throughout the show came from scripts in her upcoming book, "Rainbow in the Mountains: Growing Up Gay and Fabulous in Appalachia."

"My primary goal is to educate people," Over said. "To educate people in the sense that they meet someone who is gay, someone who does drag, and they find out that they are not some monster.

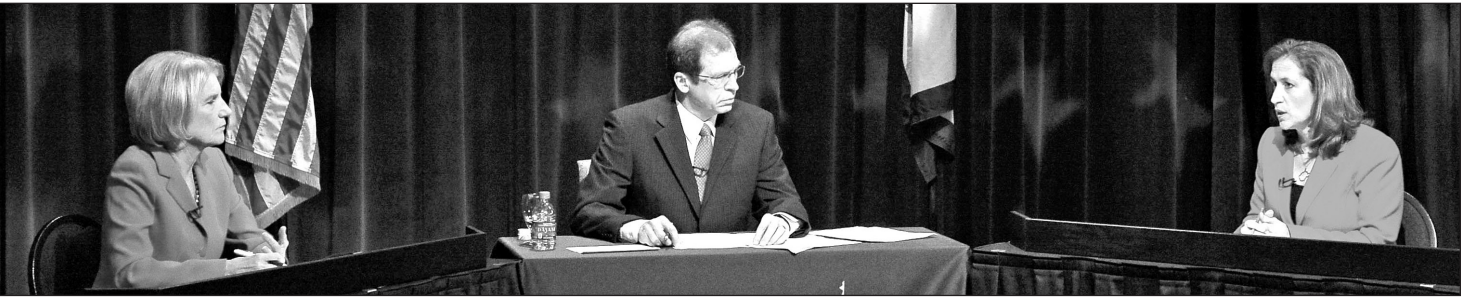
To help them to understand that were equal with the same wants and desires."

The book is an autobiography presented through vignettes of what it's like to grow up gay. Over said she hopes to have it published by summer.

Over has over 25 years of experience as a writer, teacher, activist and performer.

"It is certainly to the benefit of those who would oppress us, who label us less than or abominations, to keep us in the closet, to keep us quite, to keep us silent," Over said. "When our real selves can be seen, mirrored, affirmed, we can know, perhaps for the very first time, that we are valued."

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Moderator Hoppy Kercheval, center, watches as Democratic hopeful Natalie Tennant, right, responds to U.S. Rep. Shelley Moore Capito, R-W.Va., during a debate for the U.S. Senate seat at the Clay Center in Charleston, W.Va. Tuesday.

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Crew at Ebola home steps into national spotlight

By JAMIE STENGLE
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The Fort Worth, Texas, company Cleaning Guys has dealt with hazardous spills. It has cleared bloody crime scenes, including some that involved HIV.

But Garrett Eison, the company's operations manager, said he was initially anxious when the company agreed to take on a job others were hesitant to do: cleaning up the Dallas apartment where an Ebola patient stayed.

"This is definitely something that would make you a little more nervous," Eison said, though he added that because he knew his company was prepared, "I don't feel worried about it."

Eison was part of a 15-member crew that spent four days at the apartment where Thomas Eric Duncan stayed when he began showing Ebola-related symptoms such as

vomiting and diarrhea. They wore protective suits with gas masks as they filled about 140 barrels with items from the home for incineration, including mattresses, the patient's sheets and the entire apartment's carpet.

By the end, logos on the company's black and green trailers — televised nationwide by media camped outside the home — became a recognizable brand across Dallas, where Eison's colleagues have been approached in public and thanked.

The job wasn't easy to fill. At a briefing last week, Texas Health Commissioner David Lakey said that "there's been a little bit of hesitancy for entities to want to do that." A Dallas County spokeswoman said Tuesday that the county contacted seven vendors for the task and that "the only vendor that was responsive and met the guidelines" for

that kind of waste disposal was the Cleaning Guys.

Duncan arrived in Dallas last month from Ebola-ravaged Liberia and stayed in the apartment with Louise Troh, her 13-year-old son and two nephews until he developed symptoms several days later and was eventually hospitalized. The family was moved to an undisclosed location on Friday, the day the cleanup started. They have not yet shown symptoms.

For the next several days, the crew cleared out the place, including a 26-hour final stretch lasting into Monday. The job required rotating two-person teams after they'd worked for 40 minutes to avoid exhaustion. They disposed of most of the family's belongings but were able to set aside items such as passports, a laptop, a family Bible, trophies, photographs and other keepsakes.

Company owner Erick McCallum said that for the job they set up a "little city" outside the apartment that included food, portable toilets and a place for workers to rest. They also made sure workers were properly hydrated and had their blood pressure under control.

McCallum said his crew didn't have any specific training for Ebola, which is spread by contact with bodily fluids and has killed more than 3,400 people in West Africa. But he noted his company's previous work prepared them for what he calls his business' most high-profile job.

The workers consulted with Dallas County and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control to ensure everyone was safe.

"It comes down to biohazard training," he said. "The steps and precautions taken are basically the same."



Hazardous material cleaners prepare to hang black plastic outside The Ivy Apartments in Dallas Oct. 3. A 15-member crew from the Cleaning Guys of Fort Worth labored for four days at the apartment where Thomas Eric Duncan stayed when he began showing Ebola-related symptoms such as vomiting and diarrhea. They suited up in yellow protective suits with black gas masks and filled about 140 barrels with items from the home for incineration, including mattresses, the patient's sheets and the entire carpet.

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Meet an INTO Marshall Student

Akira Uchida

How do you think you've adapted to West Virginia?

When I came here last year, it was my first time studying in America for eight years, so I had a lot of blanks. (...) I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know how college students speak. Not a language barrier exactly, but how to communicate. (...) I adjusted to it by watching sports in English, listening to English as much as possible, speaking in English, talking to INTO staff around here, and talking to international students.

How do you think you've adapted to Marshall University?

The first impression I had of Marshall was that it's a pretty big campus. (...) In Japan it's a lot smaller. When I came to Marshall, it was a different feeling because I wanted to come back to America so badly. (...) I didn't come here for fun, I came here to fulfill my dream.

How do you keep in contact with your family?

I have a Skype, which allows us to talk for free. What I'm using is an iPad Mini that I bought in Japan. (...) I usually text my mom using wifi since it's free. If I tried to use an international phone to call Japan it takes a dollar per minute, and that's a ridiculous number. (...) My mom lives in Japan and my dad lives in Hong Kong, so that's kind of different. I send texts to my dad and Skype with my mom once a week if possible.

What has been your favorite experience at Marshall so far?

Probably working with the staff at WMUL. I'm on the sports staff over there. It's been amazing. It was weird when I started working at WMUL last September. (...) There was a paper on the wall that said "WMUL. If you want to talk about sports, everyone is welcome." I went to the first meeting and I was really terrified. All of them were American students. I was the only Asian. (...) But the people over there are really, really great. They're really patient with me. I get to be part of the broadcast with basketball and baseball and other sports.

Is there anything else you'd like students at MU to know about you?

I want American students to get interested in the INTO program so they can interact with the international students and we can build a friendship with American students. (...) We are willing to communicate with American students, but we're afraid. (...) If more American students get involved with the INTO program, we feel more confident, we feel more appreciated. The doors are open anytime. Just go to the front desk. If you want a Conversation Partner, you can fill out a form. It's easy. It's one paper. Just write your name and email address. International students want to learn. (...) I wish that everyone would get interested in the INTO program so that we can get involved, too.

What do you plan to do after you graduate?

The future plan is to be a sportscaster back in Japan. Their sports business is very, very small. The only popular sports in Japan are basically baseball and soccer. So I want to change that environment since I lived eight years in America and, in America, the sports business is huge.

What kind of sports do you like?

I was a baseball kid back in middle school. (...) Then I started to get into basketball. A Lakers game on TV was the first basketball game that I watched. I've never had any experience at playing basketball, but the experts or analysts that analyzed the game and the angles that they spoke of were pretty interesting. It was completely different from how Japanese people explain the game. American experts focus more on details like personal life and what's going on in the league, but in Japan they only focus on the game itself. (...) I was fascinated by how they explain every sport. That's how I got interested in becoming a sportscaster.

By JARED CASTO
THE PARTHENON

Akira Uchida is a Japanese INTO Marshall student pursuing a graduate degree in sports administration. Uchida has always been fascinated by the American approach at sportscasting and has been involved with the sports staff at WMUL-FM since his arrival at Marshall University last year. One of Uchida's main interests at Marshall is the INTO program and how American students on campus can get involved. He hopes more students will consider becoming a Conversation Partner for an INTO student, so those who need help with English or adapting to American culture won't be afraid to do so. Be sure to tune into WMUL sports events and Sports Buzz Wednesday nights at 8 p.m. for a chance to catch Uchida in action.

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